

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-29(Canceled)

Claim 30 (Original): A process for producing L-amino acids comprising culturing a bacterial cell in a medium suitable for producing L-amino acids, wherein said bacterial cell comprises an attenuated *ccpA2* gene.

Claim 31 (Original): The process of Claim 30, wherein said bacterial cell is a *Coryneform* bacterium or *Brevibacterium*.

Claim 32 (Original): The process of Claim 31, wherein said bacterial cell is selected from the group consisting of *Coryneform glutamicum*, *Corynebacterium acetoglutamicum*, *Corynebacterium acetoacidophilum*, *Corynebacterium melassecola*, *Corynebacterium thermoaminogenes*, *Brevibacterium favum*, *Brevibacterium lactofermentum*, and *Brevibacterium divaricatum*.

Claim 33 (Original): The process of Claim 30, wherein said *ccpA2* gene comprises the polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1.

Claim 34 (Original): The process of Claim 30, wherein said L-amino acid is L-lysine.

Claims 35- 37(Canceled)